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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Philippines, Korea and Taiwan for
Joe Mayer, SSCI Staffer

1. On 25 January 1985, Joe Mayer, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) staffer, was briefed on the Philippines, Korea, and Taiwan by DI/OEA analyst. Mr. Mayer was responding to a request from new SSCI Member Senator Frank H. Murkowski (R., AL) for an update on these countries. (C)

2. [] briefed on the Philippines. She covered the current political scene including efforts by fragmented opposition parties to capitalize on popular disillusionment with the Marcos regime. She also discussed the Philippines' economic plight and shaky relations with the IMF. []

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[] This led to a discussion on succession. Ms. [] explained that U.S. military basing rights in the Philippines are not a major issue even though the topic is frequently raised in the political arena. []

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3. [] briefed on Korea and covered the status of North/South relations, the North Korean succession issue, and the implications of the possible return of South Korean political opposition leader Kim Dae Jung. There is considerable Congressional interest in the latter's fate should he return to South Korea before the 12 February 1985 elections. []

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4. The briefing on Taiwan was conducted by China Division Deputy Chief [] and analysts [] and []. They provided considerable background on the Taiwan political scene as a framework for understanding the implications of the murder of a U.S. citizen of Taiwanese descent, Henry Liu, in October 1984. It was pointed out that the FBI rather than CIA should be contacted for in-depth material regarding the murder and subsequent investigation in the U.S. and Taiwan. [] then outlined the roles of the four dominant elements in Taiwanese society: the Kuomintang, a National Party, led by Chairman Chiang Ching-Kuo; the security services; the military; and the government apparatus. This was followed by a discussion of the political transition underway in

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Taiwan as more and more Taiwanese are blended into the mainlander-dominated leadership ranks. The topic of "gangs" was also explored because of the "Bamboo" gang's possible connection with the Liu murder. Finally, Taiwan's difficult problem in how to handle the Liu case was discussed. [redacted]

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5. Mr. Mayer expressed appreciation for the briefing. His notes were packaged for delivery to the SSCI on Monday morning. [redacted]

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